



BAY BRIDGE NEWS

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR BRIDGE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

We're making history.

JULY 2012, ISSUE 29



SAS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



NEARLY ALL CABLE BANDS AND SUSPENDER ROPES ATTACHED TO CABLE

Progress continued throughout July on the Self-Anchored Suspension Span's (SAS) single main cable, as workers have connected 104 of the 114 cable bands and 160 of the 200 vertical suspender ropes. The suspender ropes will play an essential role during load transfer, when the weight of the bridge is transferred from the falsework that

currently supports the free standing decks to the nearly 1-mile-long cable. Load transfer is scheduled to begin next month.

For more information on the SAS Main Cable, please visit BayBridgeInfo.org/projects/sas-main-cable



GET A GREAT VIEW OF THE ACTION!

Safely view the construction at the Bay Bridge Interpretive Display located at the end of California Avenue on Treasure Island. For directions visit: tinyurl.com/7x6fbkb

CONSTRUCTION CAMERAS

You can also see the live construction online at: baybridgeinfo.org/construction-cams

GROUNDBREAKING ANNIVERSARY



On July 9, 1933, the California Department of Public Works broke ground on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Crowds gathered at Yerba Buena Island to celebrate the world's longest steel structure. The 1-day ceremony included performances by the Young Women of Bay Cities and the United States Navy Band; an airplane flight that linked Rincon Hill and Oakland with a symbolic bridge of smoke; and a simultaneous detonation of blasts at Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco and Oakland by then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

For more information about the Bay Bridge's history, visit: baybridgeinfo.org/history



OAKLAND TOUCHDOWN WORK RAMPS UP



Construction to complete the Oakland Touchdown's eastbound deck started in late June, thanks to the successful implementation of detours near the Toll Plaza in May 2011 and February 2012. Those detours have moved traffic safely out of the path of construction, as the original westbound lanes were in the way of the new eastbound lanes. With drivers on the detours, work to complete the eastbound roadway is under way so the new East Span can open to all motorists during Labor Day weekend 2013.

For more information, visit BayBridgeInfo.org/projects/oakland-touchdown



We're also on



[Facebook.com/BayBridgeInfo](https://www.facebook.com/BayBridgeInfo) and



[Twitter.com/BayBridgeInfo](https://twitter.com/BayBridgeInfo)

Bay Bridge Public Information Office

311 Burma Road, Oakland, CA 94607

Tel: (510) 286-7167 email: info@baybridgeinfo.org

Bay Bridge Community Liaison

Tel: (415) 286-1553

Copyright 2012 California Department of Transportation. All rights reserved.